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Dear Ms. Joseph:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 34866.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts (the "comptroller") and Travis County (the "county") received requests for records of all disbursements from the district attorney's office to certain out-of-state witnesses in *State v. Kenneth Lane Denton*, cause number 92-2838. On behalf of the county, you claim that the requested information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.103 of the Government Code. In Open Records Letter No. 98-1024 (1998), this office concluded that the county could withhold the names and addresses of any witnesses under section 552.108, but that the payments made to witnesses and reimbursements to the county for those payments could not be withheld under any of the exceptions raised by the county. Therefore, we believe that the comptroller may withhold any names and addresses in this instance pursuant to our ruling in Open Records Letter No. 98-1024 (1998). However, any information regarding payments made to witnesses and reimbursements to the county for those payments must be released.

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and should not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Loretta DeHay", is positioned above the typed name and title.

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